

# **Press Release**

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## **Manhattan Resident Arrested on Securities Fraud Charges**

Topeka, Kansas-- Kansas Securities Commissioner Chris Biggs, with the cooperation of the Riley County Attorney, has filed one felony criminal charge of Securities Fraud against Manhattan, Kansas resident Greta Ann Commerford.

Commerford, 54, a former representative of American Express Financial Advisors, was arrested yesterday on a Riley County District Court warrant. The complaint alleges that sums in excess of \$25,000 were taken from investors. Bond was set in the amount of \$10,000.

Charges are only that. A defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proof is presented of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and a finding is made by a court of law.

The Office of the Securities Commissioner requests that anyone who has invested with the IDS Stock Market Certificate program contact Special Investigator Connie Beckett at 1-800-232-9580 or 785-296-3307.

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